

St. Alphonsus

920 North Main Street Brighton, IL 62012

St. John

203 North Main Street Medora, IL 62063

Catholic Churches

He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit



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St. Alphonsus

St. John

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Diocesan Website: www.dio.org

Parish YouTube Channel: St Alphonsus Catholic Church

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number: (217) 321-1155

Sacramental Life

Eucharist

St. Alphonsus- Sundays at 8:30am
Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm
Holy Days- 7:00 pm
St. John- Sundays at 10:30am
Holy Days- (Vigil) 7:00pm

Reconciliation

St. Alphonsus- Saturdays from 4:30-4:55
Anytime by appointment
St. John- Anytime by appointment

Baptism

St. Alphonsus- Third Saturday of the month following parent preparation class.
Contact the office 2 months prior.
St. John- Third Sunday of the month following parent preparation class.
Contact the office 2 months prior.

Matrimony

St. Alphonsus & St. John- Contact the parish office 6 months before the wedding.

Funeral & Other Emergency

St. Alphonsus & St. John- Contact the parish office 24 hours a day.

January 10, 2021



THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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St. Alphonsus

January 11 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
January 12 Tuesday	No morning mass
January 13 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Cal Vonnahmen BY: Mary Beilsmith
January 14 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Lawrence Albert BY: Jackie Dalton
January 15 Friday 7:30 am	FOR: Arrow's Mission for Our Lady BY: Ramona Berry
January 16 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Cletus, Pat, Tom Rathger BY: Don & Janet Werts
January 17 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Dominic Gray BY: Norm & Shirley Waddington

St. John

(said at St. Alphonsus during closure for repairs)

January 17 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Ambrose Fleming BY: Jeff & Susie Matsche
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To attend mass, please visit our online Sign Up Form. Below is the link, which can also be found on the main page of our parish website.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ABA72CA3FF2-public>

If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to visit our website to watch the LIVE stream of each mass said by Father Bill at St. Alphonsus Church.

The dispensation for the Sunday obligation remains in place.

**12/20
St. Alphonsus**

Pray For
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Regular.....	\$1,291.00
Loose.....	\$302.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,593.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$300.00
Needed to meet budget 12/14 - 12/20.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$929.58
Christmas Flowers.....	\$30.00
Christmas Adopt-a-family.....	\$250.00
Maintenance.....	\$80.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$30.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$10.00

**12/20
St. John**

Regular.....	\$255.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
Total Collected.....	\$260.00
Needed to meet budget 12/14 - 12/20.....	\$1,016.13
Deficit for week.....	-\$756.13
Food Pantry.....	\$50.00

**12/27
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$17,538.00
Loose.....	\$141.00
Total Collected.....	\$17,679.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$1,768.00
Needed to meet budget 12/21 - 12/27.....	\$2,822.58
Surplus for week.....	+\$16,624.42
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Maintenance.....	\$2,520.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$320.00
ACSA.....	\$160.00

**12/27
St. John**

Regular.....	\$1,135.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,140.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$496.00
Needed to meet budget 12/21 - 12/27.....	\$1,016.13
Surplus for week.....	+\$619.87
Maintenance.....	\$40.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$58.00
Food Pantry.....	\$50.00
ACSA.....	\$45.00

Collections from 01/03 will be listed in the next bulletin.

Dan Kitzman, Dave Pranger, Abel Green, Richard Cox, Joan Cox, Roger Loy, Rachel Muffley Huddelston, Angie Stassi, Mary Hurd, Lindell Thompson, Geneva Quirk, Sher Lyerla, Bobbi Ulrich, Sherry Tuttle, Brantley Noble, Patricia Alward Johnson, Alice Greeling, Ronald Bellitto, Zoe Kienstra, Ben Howell, Theresa Mayhall (sister of JoAnn Wheeler) Charlie Wolff, Jessie Highfill, Linda Partridge, Joan Kerkemeyer, Marilyn Rose, Deborah Olney, Peggy Kahl, Allen Garrett, Mary Cambron, Paul Griffin, Frank McDowell, Carroll White, Sandi Ozee, Scott Beilsmith, Kane McCauley, Cliff Woodson, Minnie Richards, Ron Hicks, Jeremy Hawkins, Mark Golike, Anna Mae Mills, Dan Kallal, Pat Schetter, Michelle Miller, Mike Reno, Kathy Risley, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Brayden Granda, Steven Ahrens, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Dolly Grube, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Denise Horton, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Mike Mohr, Karlie Swisher, Bill Hurd, Gary Schell, Carey Keay, Mary Kay Green, Lyn Miller, Cindy Klunk, Susie Gable. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

OFFERTORY GIFT

During this time, if you are unable to attend mass and will be viewing the YouTube livestream instead, please consider mailing your regular offertory gift to our office. For those with internet access, you can find links to tithe to our parishes below. Thank you to those who have continued to support the Church in anyway you can — your generosity is much appreciated!

St. Alphonsus

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stalphonsusbrighton>

St. John

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stjohntheevangelistmedora>

Checks may be mailed to 920 N. Main, Brighton

Office Hours

Available by phone / appointment

Monday — Tuesday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday — Thursday, 8:30am - 11:30am